

Exhibit 5

SIGNED MEMBERSHIP FORM TO THE ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS
CORPORATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT
ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS CORPORATION

Name of Applicant: TALLGRASS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Address of Applicant: 70 EAST LAKE STREET. 7th FLOOR
CHICAGO. ILLINOIS 60601

Name, title, address, and telephone number of responsible individual with applicant to whom communications should be sent:

PETER LYNCH

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The applicant hereby applies for membership in the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation ("Corporation"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. Upon the applicant's execution of this application and submission of this application to the corporation, the corporation will accept and execute this application in the space provided below, and will return an executed copy of this application to the applicant.

In support of its application for membership, the applicant states and agrees as follows:

1. Applicant is a telecommunications carrier providing local service as defined in the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("PUA").
2. Applicant agrees that it will be subject to, and have those rights and obligations set forth in, the By-laws of the corporation as adopted by the corporation's board of directors and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), as now in effect and as amended from time to time in the future.
3. Applicant acknowledges that the corporation is subject to the continuing supervision of and regulation by the Commission, and that the rights and obligations of each member may change as a result of this supervision and regulation.
4. To the extent from time to time approved by the Commission, the applicant delegates to the corporation authority to make such actions on behalf of the applicant as shall be necessary for the applicant to comply with its obligations under Section 13-703 of the PUA.
5. Applicant agrees to pay such portions of the monies collected by or on behalf of the applicant under and pursuant to Section 13-703 of the PUA (including income therefrom and appreciation thereon) as the Commission may from time to time order or as the corporation may from time to time request in accordance with orders of the Commission.

Dated: March 22, 2000

By: Peter Lynch

Title: President & CEO